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NOTICE

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To: All Certified Operators of Recycling Centers

Subject: Payment By Count

As of July 29, 2004 the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 5, Section 2535(b), has been revised to read:

“For deliveries to a recycling center, except reverse vending machines:

- (1) **The consumer has the option** of being paid based on count for up to 50 empty beverage containers of each material type.
- (2) The recycler may pay based on count for all deliveries of empty beverage containers received from consumers.”

This means that a customer may bring in up to 50 aluminum, 50 glass, 50 bi-metal, and 50 plastic empty CRV containers in one transaction and be paid by count for all of the beverage containers.

This change in the California Code of Regulations is currently in effect. It is your responsibility to inform your employees of this change. Compliance in this matter should be taken seriously; non-compliance may result in fines, penalties or possible decertification. The Department of Conservation, Division of Recycling (Division) receives numerous complaints when recycling centers refuse to pay by count for small loads.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Division at (916) 323-3008 and ask to speak to Bob DaRosa, Supervisor, Recycler Inspections Section.

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